

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating the translation of files comprising:
 - establishing, via a host computer, definitions comprising at least one of sorting criteria, filter criteria, date range, file format, accounting codes and formatting criteria;
 - creating, via said host computer, an interface file including said definitions;
 - reading, via said host computer, unusable data from a first source;
 - reading, via said host computer, said definitions contained in said interface file;
 - translating, via said host computer, using only a single translation of said unusable data from said first source to a format usable by a second source according to said definitions contained in said interface file, wherein said unusable data from said first source is usable by said second source after said translating step; and,
 - saving, onto said host computer, said interface file.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said establishing step comprises:
 - receiving information regarding a type of said interface file to be created;
 - receiving file type information data regarding a desired file format; and
 - receiving formatting information data regarding a format of said data being translated.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said receiving formatting information data step comprises entering said formatting information data for each field of said unusable data being translated.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said formatting data comprises:
 - a field name;
 - a description;

a length of the field;
an indicator of fixed-width/variable width status;
a mask to force said unusable data into a particular style;
justification information; position information; and
element information.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said element information comprises:

information regarding a type of said unusable data in said field, wherein said information comprises at least one of a calculated expression; a static table entry; alphanumeric information; and a query.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
selecting a template file as a starting point for creating the interface file;
entering sorting information data regarding a sorting preference; and
entering filtering information data regarding a filtering preference.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions comprises establishing definitions based upon a response to a question presented to a user via a user interface.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said translating step further comprises:

creating said second source of a predetermined type;
writing said unusable data to said second source in said format usable by said second source; and,
saving said second source.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions further comprises establishing definitions having a property relating to a data field.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said property includes at least one of field name, description, status, length flag, length, minimum length, maximum length, format mask, justification, pad character, quote, delimiter flag, start position, end position, counter increment flag, element, query field, static table entry, counter, fixed test, expression, character function and common expression.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of creating, via said host computer, an interface file includes creating only one interface file.